Knights star hitter, Colby Maiola, keeps a different kind of trophy.
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The annual Peace Poetry contest and reading had a great turnout.
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News Bytes

Today is the last day to sign up for paintball!

The Department of Athletics and Recreation is holding a paintball trip to Action Games Paintball in Tewksbury. The cost is $25 per person and includes the gun, mask, goggles, CO2 and 500 rounds of paint. Also included is an all-you-can-eat BBQ. Transportation is not provided. See Maureen Saliba in D104 for more information or to sign up

Math Boot Camp

Register by Friday, June 3 for this free summer program. For more information, contact the math center.

Library summer hours begin soon

Summer hours will be in effect from May 16 through August 12.

Haverhill:
Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Lawrence
Monday - Thursday
8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Friday
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor society

The induction ceremony will be held on Friday, May 20 at 6:30. Contact amorse@necc.mass.edu for more information.

Here comes graduation!

The commencement ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m. on the Haverhill quad. The full list of graduates appears on pages 5-8.

Campus Classic 5k caps off spring semester

Photo courtesy of NECC newsroom

The flower bed near the Kenoza St. entrance received a facelift in advance of the race.

Photo by Kim Whiting

Many members of the NECC community braved the rainy chill on Saturday morning to participate in the annual 5k classic road race on the Haverhill campus.

Photo by Kim Whiting

Retired professor, Linda Desjardins and NECC president, Lane Glenn, were among those who received recognition at last Saturday's race.

Important dates:

Last Day of classes was Monday, May 9

Final exam period May 10 - 16

Knights baseball game Friday, May 13

Awards convocation Tuesday, May 17

Summer session I classes begin Tuesday, May 17

Spring grades due Wednesday, May 18

Networking night Thursday, May 19

54th Annual Graduation Commencement Saturday, May 21

Summer session II classes begin Saturday, May 21

Memorial Day College closed Monday, May 30

Summer session III classes begin

Active shooter stops traffic

NECC affected by a shoot out less than a mile from Lawrence campus.

By Kelly Schwing
News Editor

An active shooter stirred emotions and interrupted traffic on Tuesday, April 26, in Lawrence.

The incident was officially reported via the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) Twitter account at 12:45 p.m., which stated, "MSP responding to assist w/reports of barricaded gunman in building on Melrose Street, Lawrence. @lawrencepolice is primary agency."

MSP later tweeted, "Barricaded suspect armed w/a long gun 16-18 Melrose St. Lawrence. Possible other persons in the building. Public (should) avoid area."

An alumna of NECC, who asked not be named, teaches first grade at Guilmette Elementary School, which had gone into a code red "heavy" lockdown because of the shooter.

The heavy lockdown meant that no one was allowed in or out of the building. With the lockdown, staff and students were told to "shelter-in-place" while the situation calmed down. After 15 minutes, the lockdown was lowered to a "soft" lockdown. The soft lockdown allowed for activities to continue like a normal school day just with the added restriction of no one being able to leave or enter the school.

The alumna said, "It was hard not think about events like Sandy Hook in the throes of an active shooter being so close to our school. The staff was extremely prepared and confident … (during the event) our preparations and practices had really proved us prepared."

The street where the shooter barricaded himself, Melrose St., was within a mile of NECC"s Lawrence campus and the police activity redirected traffic near the Lawrence campus, causing delays.

Sabrina Hamel, Respiratory Therapy major, was unaware of what was happening while she was stuck in traffic on her way from a class in Lawrence to her next class in Haverhill.

Hamel said that her boyfriend had a closer look at all the activity and had told her only what he knew, leaving her still confused.

An email was sent out to the NECC community. It stated, "At approximately 2:00 pm this afternoon and still ongoing.

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Editorial

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Reflecting on dreams and goals realized at NECC

By Kim Whiting
Editor-in-Chief

My life's path has been a winding one. Like most people, I've encountered my share of hills and valleys, twists and turns and scary dark corners. I've taken some detours that were hard to come back from, and sometimes I feared that I had lost my way completely. I'm not bitter, though. If anything, I'm glad that my life has included such a diverse range of experiences that ultimately led me here, to this place.

My very first semester at NECC changed everything for me. In Marcy Yeager's Environmental Science class, I was reminded of my love for nature and how at home I always felt as a young girl, camping across the country with my family, and I became alarmed by the injustices that humans commit against the Earth in the name of progress.In my Sociology class with Kristi Arford, I began to dream, without limitations, about careers that take people around the world learning about interesting people and places. I found some deep forgotten passion in Tom Greene's Creative Writing class and in my Spanish class, Senora Taintor taught me that language is only a barrier if you allow it to be.

From the very beginning of that first semester, I have been fascinated. Constantly finding myself stunned by new information, I often wonder how I survived in such ignorance for so many years before. Now I just can't get enough – politics, history, even math – I look forward to each new skill or piece of knowledge so much that I was even willing to climb to the third floor to sit in those awful metal desk/chair combos to hear Paul Saint-Amand teach American Literature. (I trust those torture traps will not be part of the new Spurk experience.)

Over the next few years, Linda Desjardins gave me the tools I needed to become an effective public speaker, I mastered writing styles that I had never even heard of before and I found out that I don't actually suck at math. Mary Jo Shafer gave me the confidence to become the Editor-in-Chief of the Observer and at some point, my dreams became goals, which recently became reality when my first front page story was printed in the Daily News of Newburyport.

I can't believe my time at NECC is soon coming to an end. I'm sad, but anxious to begin the next part of my journey. The path seems much clearer now than ever before, and I know that I have the tools I need to keep moving forward. I'll never forget those of you who took this journey with me and supported me along the way. Every milestone that I reach should be considered your own success, as well as mine. We got here together, but here is where we must part ways. Look for me on the front page. I promise I'll be there.

Photo by NECC Newsroom

Meet Ray Florent, student speaker

NECC's 54th Annual Commencement Exercises will be held on Saturday, May 21, on the Haverhill campus. Ray Florent, a resident of Merrimac and a graduate of the elementary education program, has been chosen as the student speaker. Get to know him a little better with the NECC Newsroom profile on page 8.

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See you in the Spring!

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Send your letters to **observer@necc.mass.edu**

We try to publish all letters we receive, but we reserve the right to edit or reject those we receive.

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Roaming Reporter

What was the most important thing you learned this semester?

"About Nietzsche in philosophy."

Eric Gewlas
Undecided

"Inequality through human behavior."

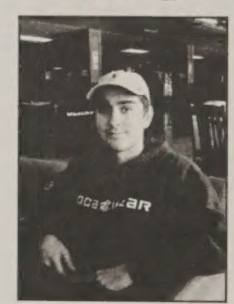
Christal Paulino
Psychology

"You get out of it what you put in."

Mary Ortiz
Early Childhood Education

"How to manage time."

Joe Murach
Movement Science



"The importance of equality."

Ryan Dowgiert
Business Transfer

"Who I am and where I want to be."

Eric Preneveau
Business Transfer

Opinion

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Find yourself and love your future

Figuring out who you are is crucial to your future success

By Rachael Sarcione
Opinion Editor

I am sure that the majority of NECC students will agree that choosing a degree program was not an easy task. But how do we know if we've even chosen the right path for ourselves?

Unfortunately, many students are influenced by parental pressure to choose a major that they feel will lead to a financially stable career. We can't blame them for trying. After all, don't we all want our children to be happy and successful?

Although I agree that stability is important, if a job counteracts with your personality, you may be setting yourself up for a very difficult and stressful life.

You may have heard one or two college students say "I'm taking a semester off to 'find myself.'" Before you start rolling your eyes and calling them lazy, you should know that they might be onto something.

Knowing who you are could keep you on the road to a very rewarding career and a happy life. Perhaps the most important question to ask yourself when choosing a career is "Am I an introvert or an extrovert?"

In other words: are you the person at the party who is dancing on top of the dining room table, or the one sitting in the corner watching cat videos on your phone?

Either way, there's nothing wrong with you. I assure you that both personality types are crucial to today's job market.

Not to be confused with social awkwardness, someone with an introverted personality prefers to work quietly and alone.

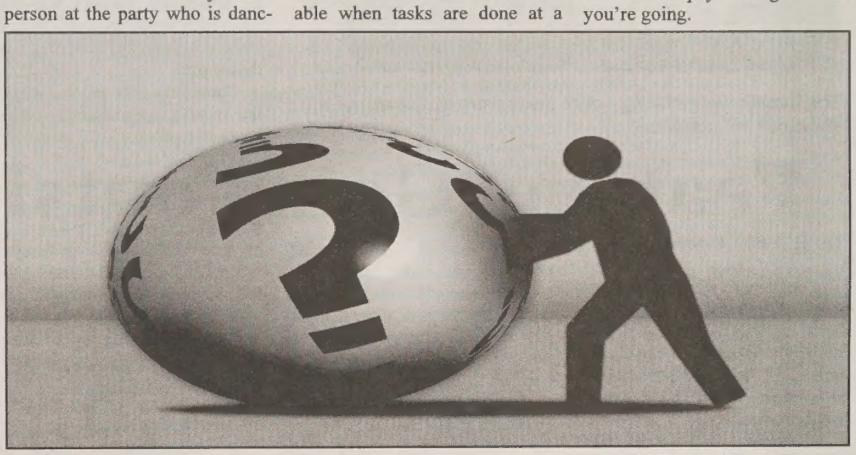
Introverts are most comfortable when tasks are done at a cautious pace and in an organized manner.

Extroverts seem to thrive in more hectic situations where multitasking and a fast paced environment are presented. Someone with an extroverted personality is often described as a "people person" and tends to succeed in a supervisory role.

No matter which personality type you are, NECC has courses that will help you to get where you're going.

Regardless of individual personality traits, the right job is waiting for you.

Introvert	vs.	Extrovert
Social Media Manager		Community Outreach Worker
Computer Programmer		Public Relations
Medical Records Technician		Human Resources
Medical Lab Technician		Teaching
Accountant		Event Planning
Court Reporter		Performance Artist
Film/ Video editor		News Reporter
Chemist		Hospitality



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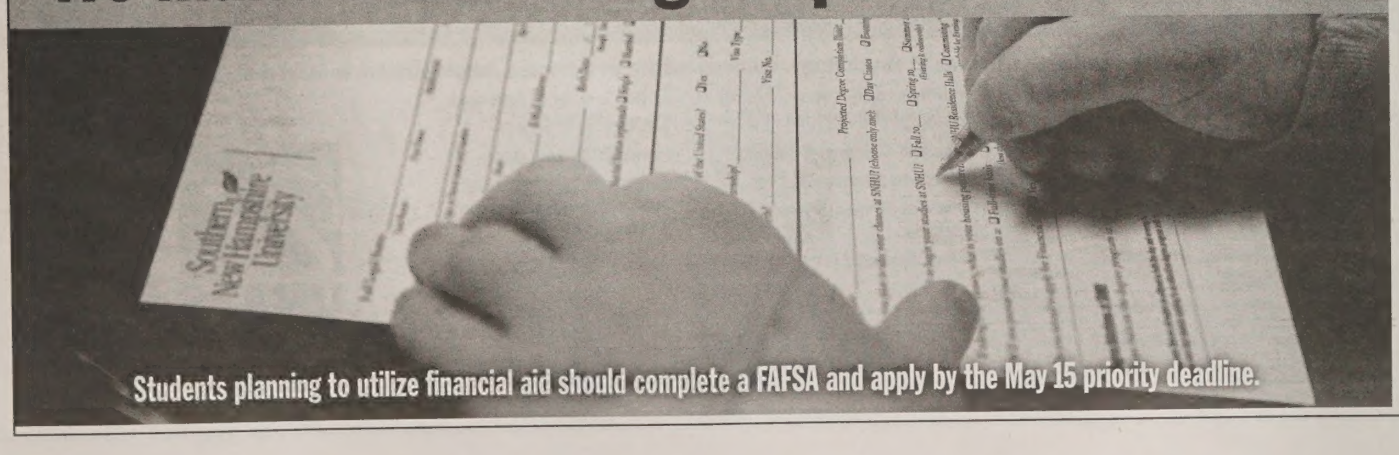

Students planning to utilize financial aid should complete a FAFSA and apply by the May 15 priority deadline.

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Courtesy of The Eagle-Tribune/Zoe Matthews

The female victim being taken away from the scene of the shootout in Lawrence.

Active shooter (cont.'d)

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the Lawrence Police have an active shooter situation about one quarter of a mile from campus. The person is currently contained in a building and the police are saying the NECC Lawrence campus does not have to go to lockdown. Gene Hatem, Chief of Public Safety for NECC, is in contact with Lawrence Police and is monitoring the situation closely. We advise avoiding the area around Melrose Street, Water Street and Hancock Street in Lawrence until the situation is over. Police do have the area cordoned off."

Some students report getting the emails at different times, some said they came in around 3 p.m. and others getting them shortly after.

There were also timeline differences in the various reports circulating about the shooting.

When Observer staff members called security to find out what to tell their fellow students, Lt. Dan Tirone reported, "Everything is fine. It's under control."

Tirone reiterated that Gene Hatem was in contact with Lawrence police and that students would be informed if their safety was a concern. No such update was necessary as the standoff didn't spill over into the surrounding areas.

Around 4 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, Lawrence Police Chief James Fitzpatrick said, "Suspect is deceased, woman believed to be girlfriend sustained gunshot wound, is 'critical but talking,'" according to a tweet by Zoe Matthews, a reporter for The Eagle-Tribune. The suspect's girlfriend was shot in the hand but the bullet reportedly grazed her face. A 4-year-old child was also removed from the premises, unharmed. The shooter was identified as Antonio Gonzalez. He was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Gonzalez's allegedly had an abusive history with the woman he shot. A restraining order was filed but due to computer issues, wasn't immediately served. .The investigation is still ongoing.

Feature: Going outside your major

By Rachel DiStefano

Correspondent

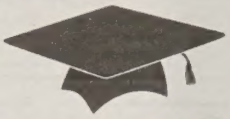
The inner workings of the mind of a Psychology major are certainly interesting. Young people study psychology for a number of different reasons: to go into several different occupations such as working with children as a school therapist, working with the police as a forensic psychologist, or even having their own practice and being a psychiatrist, to name a few. So why would a psychology students take a journalism course? While many psychologists write articles for magazines about new studies, or treatments, or just general information articles, most do not actively participate in a journalism class while in college.

As a NECC Psychology major, I decided in the fall of 2015 that the next semester, spring 2016, I would take Journalism I as an elective. While it certainly is no dream of mine to become a journalist, I do aspire to be an English teacher, and my plan is to get my bachelor's degree in English when I transfer at the end of the fall semester 2016. I have thought a lot about journalism this semester due to taking the class, mainly about how very much my physiological way of thinking has such a unique impact on my thoughts which I did not realize prior.

In journalism we begin by learning about the five basic rules which all seemed so very obvious to my over-thoughtful brain; of course a news story must be timely -- I do not care what happened a month ago; naturally we must answer the Five-W's -- I learned that in English class in the fourth grade; obviously it must be accurate -- otherwise why bother reading it? As the semester progressed, I realized it is very difficult to find a topic that interests me enough to write about, and is just dull enough for me to not form an opinion on.

I have enjoyed writing ever since I first was able to hold a pen, although all my life I wrote fiction and short stories; this was my first go at writing news, facts, and more than anything else, something actually meant for the public instead of for myself. While I have found many of the lessons simple I greatly enjoyed how laid back the discussions were and my favorite aspect was the fact that our class, amateur stories were given the opportunity to become published in our school paper.

All in all, I am more than glad to have taken journalism and would certainly consider taking Journalism II in the fall.



Congratulations to the graduates of 2016!

Commencement Ceremony Saturday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m.

Danielson, Conn.

Kimberly Reichstetter	Sleep Technologist

New Milford, Conn.

Hannah DeSimone	Medical Assistant (Day)

Duluth, Ga.

Vivian Kiarie	CIS: Applications & Operations

Abington, Mass.

Habeeb Salim	Accounting

Amesbury, Mass.

Andrew Boissoneau	Engineering Science
Steven Castryck	Paramedic (EMT-P) Technology
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Chloe Chateauneuf	Law Enforcement Cert
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Paul Cummings	CIS: Information Technology
Emily Curran	General Studies: Art
Evely DeRosa	GS: Movement Science Option
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Joshua Everett	CIS: Transfer Option
Joshua Everett	Computer Security Cert
Jonathan Everett	Business Transfer
Sydney Flickinger	Liberal Arts
Megan Gilleo	LA: Middle/HS Teaching Option
Eliza Guilbault	General Studies
Jeanne Hallisey	Accounting
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Rob Hughes	Paramedic Technology Cert
Michelle Irving	Healthcare Technician Cert
Ana Ivosevic	Nursing (ADN) Day
Aleia Jureski	Respiratory Care
Amanda Kaszuba	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling
Alison LeBlanc	Early Childhood Education
Jessica McDermit	General Studies
Joseph McEvoy	General Studies
Derek Perry	Paramedic (EMT-P) Technology
Brittany Pratt	Liberal Arts
Lukas Schmid	Engineering Science
Lukas Schmid	Computer Aided Drafting
Regina Serverius	Healthcare Technician Cert
Lindsay Shepard	Computer Applications Cert
Lindsay Shepard	Information Technology Fluency
Linda Steer	Medical Laboratory Technology
Nicholas Stuart	General Studies: Art
Emily Thompson	Human Services
Emily Thompson	Community Support Human Svs
Tracie Tilton	Healthcare Technician Cert
Jennifer Weiss	General Studies
Jennifer Weiss	General Studies: Music Option
Shanna Welch	Criminal Justice

Andover, Mass.

Deborah Corrado	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Evan Gervais	Nursing (ADN)
Loni Gonzalez	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Christopher Herald	Criminal Justice
Lisa Hernandez	Accounting
Charles Heseltine	Business Transfer
Alex Kalinowski	CIS: Transfer Option
Stephen Longo	Paralegal Certificate
Brian Morris	LA: Psychology
Colin Norris	Business Transfer
Tim Park	CIS: Information Technology
Lisa Pasho	Human Services
Naysha Rodriguez	Healthcare Technician Cert
Sarah Smith	Liberal Arts
Scott Sweeney	GS: Phy Ed, Ex Sci, Sports Stu
Darmin Then	Accounting
Elizabeth Williams	Early Childhood Education

Arlington, Mass.

Piper Montesi	General Studies

Auburn, Mass.

Kristen Morrissey	Deaf Studies Cert

Beverly, Mass.

Brett Davekos	Business Management
Kyle Johanson	Liberal Arts
Kyle Johanson	General Studies

Billerica, Mass.

Robert Rizzari	GS: Movement Science Option

Boston, Mass.

Krishana Abrahim	LA: Biology
Alexandria Malvo	Deaf Studies Cert

Boxford, Mass.

Kaitlyn Colangelo	Radiologic Technology
Devin DeAmelio	General Studies
Sasha Gemis	Medical Coding
Lorelle Taggart	Liberal Arts

Bradford, Mass.

Cheryl Carroll	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Wendy Castro	Dental Assisting
Brendan Connor	General Studies
Danielle Coppola	LA: Journalism/Communication
Leticia Coronado	LA: Psychology
Alexandra Cote	LA: Psychology
Kevin Farley	Respiratory Care
Amanda Foote	DS: Interpreting Transfer
Justine Giangregorio	Liberal Arts
David Gilbert	Laboratory Science
Tanya Gilbert	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Casey Hatch	Elementary Education
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Janine Heck	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
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Shareen Lin	Paralegal Career
Kristen Melhem	LA: Psychology
Erin Mitchell	LA: Psychology
Leah Mooradian	Nursing (ADN)
Lorenna Nardy	Human Services
Darrin Perrault	Laboratory Science
Travis Porter	Business Transfer
Rebecca Purcell	Medical Laboratory Technology
Lissangy Rodriguez	Liberal Arts
Catherine Scott	Practical Nursing (PN)
Sandra Seneca	GS: Health Specialization
Jamie Zananiri	LA: Biology

Byfield, Mass.

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Ian Schade	LA: Philosophy

Cambridge, Mass.

Amy Santana	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling

Charlton, Mass.

Jonathan Buchsbaum	Sleep Technologist

Chelmsford, Mass.

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Gary Cooke	CIS: Information Technology
Mary Gregorio	GS: Health Specialization
Allison Marsh	Respiratory Care
Cody Merrill	Criminal Justice

Danvers, Mass.

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Dracut, Mass.

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Gloucester, Mass.

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Melanie Silva	General Studies

Groveland, Mass.

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Schyler Palmer	Medical Assistant
Korri Perkins	Elementary Education
Adriana Quintiliani	Nursing (ADN) Day
April Tomaselli	Practical Nursing (PN)

Haverhill, Mass.

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Lenin Almanzar	Computer Networking Cert
Jose Amaya	CIS: Information Technology
Bergen Ambrose	Liberal Arts
Maria Aquino	LA: Psychology
Maylene Arana	Medical Laboratory Technology
David Arivella	Computer Networking Cert
David Arivella	Computer Security Cert
David Arivella	CIS: Information Technology
Heather Auclair	Medical Assistant (Day)
Jasmin Ayala	Early Childhood Education
Rebecca Balmir	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Leonardy Batista	Business Transfer
Dayna Baumgartner	Human Services
Dayna Baumgartner	Community Support Human Svs
Matthew Benson	LA: Biology
Emma Bogan	LA: Writing
Christina Boisselle	GS: Phy Ed, Ex Sci, Sports Stu
Christina Boisselle	Business Management
Alvin Bonilla	Engineering Science
John Bradley	Accounting
Jaclyn Breton	Dental Assisting
Nicholas Brien	Liberal Arts
Nicholas Brien	General Studies
Chelsea Brown	Early Childhood Education
Jennifer Cadorette	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling
Caroline Canney	Criminal Justice
Caroline Canney	Law Enforcement Cert
Sherah Casparius	Nursing (ADN) Day
Armanda Cedano	Human Services
Armanda Cedano	Community Support Human Svs
Andreina Cedano	Medical Laboratory Technology
David Clark	Business Management
Francesca Coco	Dental Assisting
Andrew Conners	Business Transfer
Julia Copeland	Early Childhood Education
Joseph Cruz	CIS: Transfer Option
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Krystina Dufresne	Business Transfer
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Suzanne Eaton	Medical Laboratory Technology
Leigh Edwards	Business Transfer
Carine Emmanuel	Early Childhood Education
Robert Ewusi	Business Transfer
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Nemesis Exiles	Law Enforcement Cert
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Yamirka Garcia	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Vanessa Gaston	Medical Assistant
Vanessa Gaston	GS: Health Specialization
Daniel Gauthier	Accounting
Daniel Gauthier	Business Management
Jeremy Giampiola	Liberal Arts
Sara Girard	Dental Assisting
Ana Gonzalez	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Angela Gonzalez	Sleep Technologist
Jasmine Grant	Early Childhood Education
Nicole Greeley	General Studies
Elfie Grusing	Liberal Arts
Andrea Gutierrez	Help Desk Cert
Adrielle Guzman	Bus Mgt: Computer Applications
Lauren Halkiotis	Liberal Arts
Courtney Hanson	LA: Writing
Andres Hernandez	GS: Movement Science Option
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Patricia Hill	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling
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Janaya Jefferson	Medical Assistant (Day)
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Leslie Jimenez	Business Management
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Marcel Jiolo	Elect Tech: Computer Systems
Jonathan Joaquin	Human Services
Alexandra Jones	Human Services
Zoraida Jordan	Business Management
Keith Joyce	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling
Stacey Justice	Nursing (ADN) Day
April Kendrick	Practical Nursing (PN)
Chad Kimball	General Studies:Health Studies
Nicholas Koutoulas	Liberal Arts
Alexa LaBonte	Medical Coding

Haverhill, Mass. (cont'd.)

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Zachery Long	Criminal Justice
Julie Longo	Liberal Arts
Melissa Lopez	Early Childhood Education
Lorena Lucas	Laboratory Science
Victoria Luiggi	LA: Psychology
Chandler Maagoul	Engineering Science
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Teresa Mack	GS: Health Specialization
Cassandra MacLeod	Early Childhood Education
Sarah Mahan	Paralegal Transfer
Rebecca Malynn	Criminal Justice
Rebecca Malynn	Law Enforcement Cert
Clarissa Mandel	GS: Health Specialization
Allan Marshall	Criminal Justice
R. Matrille-Garcia	LA: Psychology
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Tina McNeil	Law Enforcement Cert
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Glamaris Medina	GS: Health Specialization
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Edward Middleton	General Studies
Joshua Mills	CIS: Information Technology
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Anthony Mondello	Business Transfer
Brendan Moore	CIS: Information Technology
Ryan Moschetti	Computer Aided Drafting
Ryan Moschetti	LA: Physical Sciences Option
Thea Mose	Medical Assistant (Day)
Thea Mose	Phlebotomy Technician Cert
Thea Mose	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Natalie Moulison	Medical Assistant (Day)
Tammy Muir	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Dezerae Muniz	Practical Nursing (PN)
Elisha Murphy	General Studies
Jarred Murphy	Help Desk Cert
Christopher Nellis	CIS: Transfer Option
Hilary Noury	Human Services
Hilary Noury	Community Support Human Svs
Joel Nunez	General Studies
Jose Nunez	Business Transfer
Emmanuel Ogbodo	LA: Biology
Ifeoma Ogbodo	LA: Biology
Kimberly Olivares	Community Support Human Svs
Samantha Oliver	Practical Nursing (PN)
Maritza Otero	General Studies
Cheryl Palmacci	GS: Health Specialization
Olivia Paquette	General Studies
Jaime Pardo Ospina	Electronic Technology
Jeanette Paulino	General Studies
Susan Pavone	Medical Coding
Nicholas Pham	Criminal Justice
Nicholas Pham	Law Enforcement Cert
Renee Phelan	Computed Tomography (CT) Cert
Tad Pierre-Louis	Engineering Science
Marlon Pineda-Acosta	Business Transfer
Aimee Plante	General Studies
Debra Pleau	Early Childhood Education
Samantha Poirier	LA: Writing
Kevin Poole	General Studies: Art
Alex Potenza	General Studies
Crystal Prescott	Human Services
Crystal Prescott	Community Support Human Svs
Peter Provencher	Business Transfer
Kimberly Ramirez	Liberal Arts
Catherine Ramos	Nursing (ADN) Day
Donna Re	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling
Donna Re	Human Services
Tara Reagan	Dental Assisting
Idonger Reese	Healthcare Technician Cert
Shaina Richards	LA: Journalism/Communication
Haley Ritchie	Practical Nursing (PN)
Ryan Roberge	Liberal Arts
Daniel Roche	LA: Biology
Allen Rogers	CIS: Transfer Option
Kimberly Rosado	Business Management
Giovanni Rosano	General Studies
Luz Rosario	Business Transfer
Jennifer Sampson	Practical Nursing (PN)
Lindsey Sandler	Accounting
Kyle Sandner	Criminal Justice
Ryan Santos	Electronic Equipment Tech Cert
Najie Sarabi	Healthcare Technician Cert
Ashley Schetrompf	Dental Assisting
Evagelia Sennott	Nursing (ADN) Day
Matthew Sibley	Business Transfer
Chayna Silva	Sleep Technologist
Christina Sirignano	Liberal Arts
Andrew Smith	LA: Middle/HS Teaching Option
Panagiota Souliotis	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Roy Stevens	General Studies
Ellen Sullivan	Medical Assistant
Sara Swinson	Medical Coding
Hala Takla	Sleep Technologist
Elizah Tashjian	General Studies
Joshua Taveras	Nursing (ADN) Day
Benjamin Tavitian	Accounting
Jonathan Tilden	Liberal Arts
Sarah Tiso	Liberal Arts
Tyrone Turrell	Graphic Design
Perla Vargas	Medical Coding
Perla Vargas	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Kathy White	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Amy White	Healthcare Technician Cert
Kimberly Whiting	LA: Writing
Kimberly Whiting	LA: Journalism/Communication
Patrick Wholley	Liberal Arts
Veronica Wilkins	Early Childhood Education
Kayla Yameen	Radiologic Technology
Natasha Young	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling
Said Zeidan	Business Management
Brittany Zelt	Practical Nursing (PN)

Hudson, Mass.

Sarah Spencer	Nursing (ADN) Day

Ipswich, Mass.

Maegan Bergeron	Computed Tomography (CT) Cert
Traeger Domoretsky	LA: Journalism/Communication
Harrison Sagris	Laboratory Science
Ryan Silva	Liberal Arts

Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Amanda Milan	General Studies: Art

Lawrence, Mass.

Gina Abreu	Liberal Arts
Joseina Acosta	Human Services
Jannice Adorno	Human Services
Jannice Adorno	Community Support Human Svs
Luis Aquino	Healthcare Technician Cert
Annie Aquino	Liberal Arts
Jahira Artiles	Early Childhood Education
Keibi Bastardo	Healthcare Technician Cert
Isaac Batista	CIS: Information Technology
Isaac Batista	Computer Security Cert
Sabrina Bazemore	Healthcare Technician Cert
Marlin Betances	Healthcare Technician Cert
Samuel Beverage	Computer Aided Drafting
Stephanie Bisono	LA: Theater
Isidro Bonilla	GS: Health Specialization
Hannah Bourland	GS: Individualized Option
Indira Branch Custodia	Criminal Justice
Fausto Caba	Accounting
Eduardo Caimares	CIS: Information Technology
Ashlenie Calcano	Liberal Arts
Jennifer Caminero	Liberal Arts
Sonia Cancel	Early Childhood Education
Marianne Capellan	Medical Assistant (Day)
Sabrina Carpenter	Liberal Arts
Alba Castillo	Practical Nursing (PN)
Anyely Castillo	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert
Jordan Castro	Criminal Justice
Leandro Celado	Liberal Arts
Christina Chabuz	Human Services
Christina Chabuz	Community Support Human Svs
Luis Chavez	Business Transfer
Cassandra Colon	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Kiara Colon	Healthcare Technician Cert
Kiara Colon	GS: Health Specialization
Carmen Concepcion	Accounting
Carmen Concepcion	CIS: Applications Option
Kayne Correa	LA: Middle/HS Teaching Option
Maria Cruz	General Studies
Ana Cruz	Dental Assisting
Melissa Damphousse	Elementary Education
Melissa Damphousse	Liberal Arts
Jennie Davila	LA: Psychology
Jeanilda De La Cruz	Human Services
Jeanilda De La Cruz	Community Support Human Svs
Johanny Del Rosario	LA: Psychology
Stephanie Deleon	LA: Journalism/Communication
Magber DeLosSantos	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Magber DeLosSantos	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Samantha DeSalvo	Early Childhood Education
Luz Diaz	GS: Individualized Option
Juan Diaz	Liberal Arts
Jeancarlos Diaz	Computer Applications Cert
Jeancarlos Diaz	Information Technology Fluency
Luz Diaz	Medical Assistant (Day)
Jeancarlos Diaz	CIS: Information Technology
Aimee Disla	Criminal Justice
Mary Doyle	Liberal Arts
Mary Doyle	GS: Individualized Option
Sherly Escotto	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Nazario Esquea	Accounting
Victor Estrada	Business Transfer
Stacey Felix	Healthcare Technician Cert
Sasha Fornet	LA: Psychology
Katie Fritschy	Radiologic Technology
Gabriela Galvan	LA: Psychology
Glenny Garcia	Medical Assistant
Benny Garcia	LA: Theater
Katherine Garcia	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert
Enmy Garcia	Criminal Justice
Erik Garcia	CIS: Information Technology
Alondra Garcia	Dental Assisting
Wadscar Gomez	Criminal Justice
Jean Carlos Gomez	GS: Individualized Option
Thomas Gontarz	Paralegal Career
Maria Gonzalez	Healthcare Technician Cert
Robertson Gonzalez	Accounting
Elimer Gonzalez	Criminal Justice
Jenniffer Guerrero	Medical Assistant (Day)
Hansel Heredia	Medical Assistant (Day)
Jessica Hernandez	Human Services
Jessica Hernandez	Community Support Human Svs
Gabriela Hernandez	LA: Journalism/Communication
Genesis Hernandez	Business Transfer
Leyshla Hernandez	Healthcare Technician Cert
Issamar Herrera	Healthcare Technician Cert
Issamar Herrera	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Michelle Hourn	Medical Assistant (Day)
Michelle Hourn	GS: Health Specialization
Miguelina Inoa	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Miguelina Inoa	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Brian Iraheta	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert
Carina Jaime	Healthcare Technician Cert
Rosa Javier	Criminal Justice
Shernice Joseph	GS: Health Specialization
Russell Keeler	Practical Nursing (PN)
Niurka Lamarche	Dental Assisting
Dilcia Lantigua	Human Services
Dilcia Lantigua	Community Support Human Svs
Mara Lindner	Human Services
Rosa Llaurador	Healthcare Technician Cert
Christine Long	Healthcare Technician Cert
Madelyn Lopez	LA: Psychology
Rafmary Lora	Business Management
Nhi Ly	Business Transfer
Anna Marcano Roach	General Studies
Adonys Maria	Medical Assistant (Day)
Eduar Marmol	Business Transfer
Jeanette Martinez	Nursing (ADN) Day
Tomas Matos	Liberal Arts
Christian Medvecky	Criminal Justice
Angelisa Mejia	Criminal Justice
Angelisa Mejia	Law Enforcement Cert
Jarritza Melendez	Human Services
Jarritza Melendez	Community Support Human Svs
Oriel Mendez	General Studies: Music Option
Yannelly Mercado	Liberal Arts
Luz del Alba Miranda	Healthcare Technician Cert
Cynthia Morales	Medical Assistant (Day)
Kelvin Moreno-Garcia	Business Management
Jennifer Navichoque	Early Childhood Education
Mai Nham	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Mai Nham	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Rimari Nolasco	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Eliezer Nunez	CIS: Information Technology
Daniel Ojeda	GS: Individualized Option
Brendaliz Ortega	Business Management
Aris Ortega	Computer Networking Cert
Aris Ortega	Computer Security Cert
Jose Ortiz	Healthcare Technician Cert
Ruth Ortiz	Healthcare Technician Cert
Evelyn Ortiz	Liberal Arts
Jamiel Ortiz	Liberal Arts
Jennifer Ouch	Business Management
Darlyn Ovalles	CIS: Information Technology
Rosaura Ovalles	Dental Assisting
Sasha Ovando	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert
Bory Pak	GS: Health Specialization
Frank Pardo	Criminal Justice
Ana Paris	DST: American Sign Language
Cindy Parra	LA: Psychology
Yalisa Paulino	Early Childhood Education
Johnathan Paulino	Business Transfer
Hector Payano	Dental Assisting
Paula Pena	General Studies: Art
Elvis Pena	Information Technology Fluency
Elvis Pena	Computer Networking Cert
Elvis Pena	CIS: Information Technology
Dianne Perez	General Studies: Art
Kelly Perez	Paramedic (EMT-P) Technology
Joahs Perez	Criminal Justice
Joahs Perez	Law Enforcement Cert
Loyra Perez	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Germany Perez	LA: Psychology
Stephanie Perez	Dental Assisting
Wismelda Perez-Garcia	GS: Health Specialization
Joshua Pichardo-Acosta	General Studies: Art
Ana Pimentel	GS: Health Specialization
Jennifer Pimentel	General Studies: Art
Carla Pojoy	LA: Biology
Andres Polanco	Human Services
Rosa Polanco	Medical Assistant
Laidy Polanco	Criminal Justice
Laidy Polanco	Law Enforcement Cert
Jasmine Polanco	LA: Political Science
Glanellys Polanco	Medical Assistant (Day)
Wilma Polo	LA: Psychology
Renzo Puello	Business Transfer
David Quezada	Engineering Science
Daysi Quezada	Human Services
Daysi Quezada	Community Support Human Svs
Michael Quezada	Dental Assisting
Bianca Ramirez	Dental Assisting
Celinet Ramirez	Health Information Technology
Lydia Ramirez	Business Transfer
Gabriela Rasuk	General Studies
Dinorah Reyes	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Manuel Reyes-Corporan	Business Transfer
Eva Reynoso	Medical Assistant (Day)
Angel Rivera	CIS: Information Technology
Jose Rivera	Computer Applications Cert
Angel Rivera	Computer Forensics Basic Cert
Unique Rivera	Business Transfer
William Rodriguez	Business Transfer
Karina Rodriguez	LA: Psychology
Stephanie Rodriguez	Medical Assistant (Day)
Henry Rodriguez	Liberal Arts
Angel Roman	CIS: Information Technology
Ivette Rosario	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Wilmarie Rosario	Business Management
Mirtha Ruiz	Healthcare Technician Cert
Triana Sanchez	Healthcare Technician Cert
Lujany Santana	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Lujany Santana	Medical Assistant
Ronni Santana	Criminal Justice
Deborah Santana	Criminal Justice
Deborah Santana	Law Enforcement Cert
Glenda Santiago	Healthcare Technician Cert
Samantha Sarno	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling
Samantha Sarno	Human Services
Melvin Severino	Criminal Justice
Nyleve Sierra	Healthcare Technician Cert
Glenny Smith	Healthcare Technician Cert
Karelyn Soriano	Business Management
Feliz Soto	Business Transfer
Heather Suruy	Practical Nursing (PN)
Josy Taveras	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
David Tejada	Engineering Science
Gabriela Then	Dental Assisting
Arlene Tineo	Practical Nursing (PN)
Jacqueline Torres	Criminal Justice
Elizabeth Travassos	Business Management
Robert Trinh	General Studies
Serkan Uguz	GS: Phy Ed, Ex Sci, Sports Stu
Douglas Uhl	Accounting
Ashly Urbaez	LA: Political Science
Shakira Urena	LA: Psychology
Scania Urena	Medical Assistant (Day)
Matthew Vaitkunas	Criminal Justice
Yanill Varela	Biology
Marggie Vargas	Medical Coding
Guillermina Vargas	Accounting
Bryan Vargas	Liberal Arts
Angela Vargas	General Studies: Art
Hannah Vasquez	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Hannah Vasquez	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Maritza Velazquez	Healthcare Technician Cert
Solymar Velez	Healthcare Technician Cert
Jensy Veras	Human Services
Mikayla Vieira	Human Services
Mikayla Vieira	Community Support Human Svs
Alexandra Vilorio	Liberal Arts
Destiny Williams	Healthcare Technician Cert

Littleton, Mass.

James Ray	GS: Phy Ed, Ex Sci, Sports Stu

Lowell, Mass

Emile Beaudry	GS: Phy Ed, Ex Sci, Sports Stu
Charlotte Brilhante	Laboratory Science
Kevin Brito	Business Transfer
Erica Correia	Human Services
Miriam Leonor	Healthcare Technician Cert
Tony Miriti	Nursing (ADN) Day
Mercedes Molina	Healthcare Technician Cert
Jane Mwangi	Nursing (ADN) Day
Edisson Naranjo-Mejia	Healthcare Technician Cert
Neeta Nauch	Sleep Technologist
Kihungi Njoki	Nursing (ADN) Day
Sokuntho Oeung	Sleep Technologist
Renee Patnaude	Paralegal Transfer
Amy Pestana	Computer Applications Cert
Amy Pestana	Computer Networking Cert
Amy Pestana	CIS: Information Technology
Amy Pestana	Computer Security Cert
Donna Record	Computer Applications Cert
Donna Record	Computer Networking Cert
Donna Record	CIS: Information Technology
Donna Record	Information Technology Fluency
Donna Record	Computer Security Cert
Juliana Reyes	Nursing (ADN)
Ivette Roque	Medical Coding
Cynthia Silvasha	GS: Individualized Option
Christine Vo	Engineering Science
Christine Vo	Computer Aided Drafting
Katerina Zacharopoulos	LA: Journalism/Communication

Lynn, Mass.

Richard Barnes	Medical Laboratory Technology
Maria Chhim	Business Transfer
Marc Churchill	Paramedic Technology Cert
Marc Churchill	Paramedic (EMT-P) Technology
Vincent Comeau	Medical Laboratory Technology
Nicholas Comeau	Radiologic Technology
Anne Shivachi	Liberal Arts
Merissa Titus	Paramedic Technology Cert
Merissa Titus	Paramedic (EMT-P) Technology

Marblehead, Mass.

Ryan Hoey	Paramedic (EMT-P) Technology

Marshfield, Mass.

Wing Kwai Ng	Computed Tomography (CT) Cert

Maynard, Mass.

Sean Hodge	Music Technology Certificate
Elijah Landeros	Respiratory Care

Medford, Mass.

Patrick Bonner	Radiologic Technology
Linda Erickson	Medical Billing Cert (IH)

Melrose, Mass.

Jeremy Smith	GS: Movement Science Option

Merrimac, Mass.

Alex Barry	Laboratory Science
Sarelle Creesy	LA: Middle/HS Teaching Option
Raymond Florent	Elementary Education
Laura Forman	Respiratory Care
Jessica Freeman	General Studies
Faith Gregory	LA: Political Science
Faith Gregory	LA: Journalism/Communication
Crissy Hadley	Alcohol Drug Abuse Counseling
Crissy Hadley	Human Services
Crissy Hadley	Community Support Human Svs
Aaron Hopper	Computer Aided Drafting
Kelsey Jewett	Early Childhood Education
Cathy Lavin	General Studies: Art
Benjamin Manseau	General Studies
Alysha Poulin	Healthcare Technician Cert
Lillian Reinhold	Business Transfer
Sabrina Sawyer	Elementary Education
Samantha Sirois	General Studies
Shawn Smith	General Studies: Multi-Media
Erik Syvertson	GS: Phy Ed, Ex Sci, Sports Stu
Meagan Webster	Business Transfer

Methuen, Mass.

Brady Abraham	Criminal Justice
Brady Abraham	Law Enforcement Cert
Mehtap Aktas	Graphic Design
Wendy Almanzar	Computer Aided Drafting
Tiana Amaro	Criminal Justice
Allison Andrukaitis	Medical Laboratory Technology
Jessica Angelini	General Studies
Sean Archambault	Business Transfer
Erin Baker	Liberal Arts
Hatice Basaga	GS: Health Specialization
Belkis Bautista	Healthcare Technician Cert
Ryan Beauregard	Criminal Justice
Crisayda Belen	Paralegal Transfer
Amanda Bettencourt	Nursing (ADN) Day
JacquelineBlanchette	Early Childhood Education
Kathleen Blum	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Theresa Boucher	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Tara Brooks	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Charles Bruderer	Laboratory Science
Veronica Calixto	LA: Psychology
Jonathan Calixto	Early Childhood Education
Justin Camasso	Engineering Science
Roberto Carlini	Criminal Justice
Roberto Carlini	Law Enforcement Cert
Crystal Caron	Medical Assistant
David Carriere	CIS: Applications Option
Moises Carrillo	Laboratory Science
E. Carrillo Barahona	Computer Aided Drafting
Sheri Carter	Elec Health Record Spec Cert
Sheri Carter	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
James Christie	Business Management
Amanda Clooney	General Studies
Yveline Constant	Practical Nursing (PN)
Kylelucas Cox	General Studies
Kelli Davidson	Liberal Arts
Kelli Davidson	Elementary Education
Claudia DeFuria	GS: Health Specialization
Melanie DeLaCruz	Healthcare Technician Cert
Florinda DelaRosa	GS: Individualized Option
A. DelgadoPimentel	Liberal Arts
Katelyn DeSimone	Business Management
Adrianna Diaz	LA: Psychology
Christina DiCroce	Medical Coding
Yozaka D'Oleo-Javier	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Suzanne Donovan	Elementary Education
Sara Dumont	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Johanna Duran	Nursing (ADN) Day
Joelle Elghoul	Business Management
Jack Elkhoury	Engineering Science
Rosa Falette	Human Services
Danielle Falorni	Healthcare Technician Cert
Dolores Feliz	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Melody Ferguson	Nursing (ADN)
Thomas Ferris	LA: Biology
Kellie Fone	Early Childhood Education
Katrina Fraser	Dental Assisting
Alysa Gary	Sleep Technologist
Ashley Goerke	LA: Psychology
James Gosselin	Nursing (ADN) Day
Shannon Gregg	LA: Psychology
Emily Griffin	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Melanie Gunter	Nursing (ADN) Day
David Holden	Criminal Justice
Marianely Horton	Bus Mgt: Computer Applications
Elaine Javier	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Elizabeth Kelly	Practical Nursing (PN)
Steven Kuzlotsky	Bus Mgt: Healthcare Practice
Christian Labrecque	GS: Individualized Option
Gina Lavoie	Medical Coding
Meagan Liddell	Paralegal Transfer
Ashley Lopez	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert
Nathanais Madera	Liberal Arts
Michael Mansour	Criminal Justice
Ariana Martella	Early Childhood Education
Katelyn May	Medical Assistant (Day)
Sheri McGlew	Nursing (ADN) Day
Mayra Mella	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Jacqueline Mendez	Medical Laboratory Technology
Clayton Meuse	Laboratory Science
Francisco Miranda	Accounting
Linette Miranda	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert
Heidi Moreno	Human Services
Thuy Nguyen	Accounting
Thanh Nguyen	General Studies: Art
An Nguyen	LA: Biology
James Nicosia	Business Transfer
Angelica Nieves	Early Childhood Education
Michelle Nunez	Business Transfer
Kevin Park	Liberal Arts
Carolina Pena	Healthcare Technician Cert
Rosaura Perez	Accounting
Lindsay Perezchica	GS: Individualized Option
Samantha Petrow	Dental Assisting
Matthew Picardi	Business Transfer
Shanel Pimentel	Business Transfer
Elisel Portuhondo	Graphic Design
Stephanie Ratliff	Radiologic Technology
Alexander Reinoso	Liberal Arts
Alexsandra Rivera	Business Management
Daniel Rivera	Information Technology Fluency
Daniel Rivera	CIS: Applications Option
Carlos Rivera	LA: Biology
Carlos Rivera	LA: Psychology
Monica Rizkallah	Business Transfer
Constance Roberts	Computer Applications Cert
Constance Roberts	Computer Networking Cert
Constance Roberts	CIS: Information Technology
Constance Roberts	Information Technology Fluency
Jasmin Rodriguez	General Studies: Visual Arts
Ashley Rosa	General Studies: Art
Georgie Rosario	General Studies
Nabil Saleh	Engineering Science
Nabil Saleh	Computer Aided Drafting
Obed Sanchez	Engineering Science
Stephanie Santamaria	General Studies: Art
Rie Santiago	Laboratory Science
Lisa Saunders	Medical Assistant
Jonathan Scammon	Criminal Justice
Jonathan Scammon	Law Enforcement Cert
Robert Scarelli	Elementary Education
Michelle Scott	Respiratory Care
Farrah Silva	Liberal Arts
Michael Son	General Studies
Meghan Sullivan	Business Transfer
Hannah Tarr	LA: Journalism/Communication
Corliss Taveras	Liberal Arts
Jacquelyn Tomeo	Healthcare Technician Cert
Joshua Trempe	Business Transfer
KerriAnn Turmel	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Alexander Twyman	Engineering Science
Kaysha Urena	GS: Individualized Option
Stephanie VanAmburgh	Direct Support Cert
William Vega	CIS: Applications Option
Nicolle Vivier	Human Services
Nicolle Vivier	Community Support Human Svs
Veronica Wanguthi	Nursing (ADN) Day
Rebecca Westerman	LA: Journalism/Communication
Kara Wetmore	General Studies: Art
Justin White	Computer Applications Cert
Justin White	Web Page Design & Development
Justin White	Computer Networking Cert
Justin White	CIS: Information Technology
C. Zadrowski-Cronin	Early Childhood Education
Pascal Zeidan	General Studies

Middleton, Mass.

Colin Greene	LA: Psychology

Newbury, Mass.

Sarah Brocher	General Studies: Multi-Media
Chad Gorham	LA: Journalism/Communication
Chad Gorham	LA: Writing
Christine Ogilvie	Accounting
Christine Ogilvie	Business Management
Daniel Potocki	LA: Middle/HS Teaching Option
William Simon	LA: Middle/HS Teaching Option

Newburyport, Mass.

Nicholas Angelo	Engineering Science
Devin Baker	Liberal Arts
Robert Carroll	Web Page Design & Development
Jaime Case	Liberal Arts
Brenda Curry	Human Services
Derek Dexter	CIS: Information Technology
Joshua Gentile	GS: Individualized Option
Leah LaCourse	Business Management
K.A. Lawrence	Early Childhood Education
Ericka Lewis	GS: Health Specialization
Denise Logan	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Susan Pepperman	Human Services
Susan Pepperman	Community Support Human Svs
Christene Sadowski	Deaf Studies Cert
Olivia Spalding	General Studies: Art
Allison St Laurent	Business Transfer
Drew Thompson	Computer Aided Drafting

N.Andover, Mass.

Russell Cahill	CIS: Transfer Option
Sudha Camirand	Medical Office Assistant Cert
Ivana Capellan	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert
Holly Carman	Elementary Education
David Chiasson III	Liberal Arts
Barbara Conrad	Human Services
Barbara Conrad	Community Support Human Svs
Julian Cruz	General Studies: Art
Cheryl Cyr	Sleep Technologist
Jonathan Dean	Computed Tomography (CT) Cert
Tina DelloRusso	LA: Middle/HS Teaching Option
Timothy D'Entremont	Criminal Justice
Timothy D'Entremont	Law Enforcement Cert
Jonathan Dexter	Engineering Science
Michael Finn	Accounting
Samantha Girroir	Dance Education Cert
Samantha Girroir	Liberal Arts
Deshaun Gordon	GS: Phy Ed, Ex Sci, Sports Stu
Amanda Guarino	Nursing (ADN) Day
Alisha Guglielmi	Liberal Arts
Sheyla Gutierrez	Healthcare Technician Cert
Kailey Johnson	General Studies: Art
Alexus Kammavongsa	Laboratory Science
Shaun Leach	Radiologic Technology
Aaron Martinez	LA: Physics
Jill Norwood-Onuoha	Practical Nursing (PN)
Jennifer Pelache	Sleep Technologist
Jennifer Pelache	GS: Health Specialization
Briana Roldan	General Studies
Joan Simmonds	Nursing (ADN) Day
Jessica Smith	Nursing (ADN) Day
Aksana Sorokina	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert
Brianna Spicer	Medical Assistant (Day)
Alison Swanson	LA: Psychology
Maddie Twiss	Liberal Arts

N.Chelmsford, Mass.

Brooke Gibbs	Paralegal Career
John Hutchinson	Computed Tomography (CT) Cert

N.Reading, Mass.

William Croswell	General Studies: Art
Colby Maiola	Business Transfer
Ryan McAuliffe	General Studies

Peabody, Mass.

Jonathan Chhim	Business Management
Elizabeth Lee	Computer Aided Drafting
Isis Montero	Medical Laboratory Technology

Reading, Mass.

Amanda Makrys	GS: Movement Science Option

Revere, Mass.

Liseth Velez	Liberal Arts

Rowley, Mass.

Jeison Molina	Engineering Science
Thomas Moran	General Studies
Lauren Smolla	Paramedic (EMT-P) Technology

Roxbury Crossing, Mass.

James Morgan-Thames	Business Transfer

Salem, Mass.

Fawn Alexander	Sleep Technologist
Ashley Eline	Dental Assisting
Liness Gonzalez	Medical Assistant (Day)
Christopher Simon	Criminal Justice

Salisbury, Mass.

Maddelyn Bennett	Liberal Arts
Briana Cheverie	Sleep Technologist
James Coady	Liberal Arts
Marie Anne Cote	Accounting
Ryan Flynn	Engineering Science
Sarah Foster	General Studies: Art
Hunter Gouldthorpe	LA: Theater
Eileen Hayes-Johnson	General Studies
McKenzie Kane	Criminal Justice
McKenzie Kane	Law Enforcement Cert
Brett Lundy	CIS: Information Technology
Jaclyn Marr	Illustration
Tricia McNeil	Bus Mgt: Computer Applications
Tricia McNeil	Information Technology Fluency
Angelica Medina	Business Management
Mayara Prando	Dental Assisting
Tayler Provost	GS: Movement Science Option
Kristyn Sachetti	Healthcare Technician Cert
Kimberly Scholtz	CIS: Applications Option
Kelsey Trudel	Business Transfer
Elyse Woodbury	LA: Psychology

Saugus, Mass.

Elena DiGiulio	Medical Laboratory Technology
Matthew Dolan	Nursing (ADN) Day
Alex Rapoport	Respiratory Care

Somerville, Mass.

Pedro Jimenez	GS: Individualized Option

S.Lawrence, Mass.

Barbie Ewen	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Barbie Ewen	Medical Coding
Luisa Garcia	Healthcare Technician Cert
Roma Gonzalez	Business Management

Stoneham, Mass.

Taylor Collins	Computed Tomography (CT) Cert

Tewksbury, Mass.

Richard Devine	Business Management
Ryan Groves	Business Transfer
Madison Harris	Healthcare Technician Cert
Mark Luongo	Medical Billing Cert (IH)
Stephanie Serrentino	General Studies
Samantha Thomas	Sleep Technologist

Wakefield, Mass.

Marie-Princesse Telamour	Nursing (ADN) Day

Walpole, Mass.

Kristin Smith	Medical Coding

Watertown, Mass.

Laural Bento	Nursing (ADN)
Lina Garcia	DS: Interpreting Transfer
Ashly Pietras	Deaf Studies Cert

West Newbury, Mass.

Lisa Elmore	Nursing (ADN) Day
Lydia LeDonne	Dental Assisting
David Pena	LA: History
Angela Viscomi	Computer Applications Cert
Angela Viscomi	Web Page Design & Development
Angela Viscomi	CIS: Information Technology
Angela Viscomi	Information Technology Fluency
Matthew Walsh	Criminal Justice
Matthew Walsh	Law Enforcement Cert

Westford, Mass.

Joseph Bray	GS: Movement Science Option
Jennifer Richardson	Respiratory Care
Nicholas Woodbury	General Studies: Art

Wilmington, Mass.

Michael McCoy	Engineering Science
David Rousseaux	Paramedic Technology Cert
Joseph Russell	LA: History
Elizabeth Waterman	Ophthalmic Assistant Cert

Winchester, Mass.

Jennifer Michaud	Computed Tomography (CT) Cert

Woburn, Mass.

Eric Lucken	Electronic Equipment Tech Cert
Darlene Pulisciano	Nursing (ADN)
Jannelly Reynoso	Medical Laboratory Technology

Worcester, Mass.

Marcia Machado	Accounting

Mechanic Falls, Maine

Larissa Johnston	Paralegal Transfer

Wells, Maine

Nodine-Chantel Webster-Meono	GS: Movement Science Option

Atkinson, N.H.

Jennifer Assenza	Criminal Justice
Jennifer Assenza	Law Enforcement Cert
Emily Comei	Business Transfer
Kiara Councilman	Dental Assisting
Michael Cross	Liberal Arts
Katherine Delfino	Paralegal Certificate
Alexia Gulezian	General Studies
Elias Hantzis	Business Management
Taylor Langlois	Web Page Design & Development
Taylor Langlois	CIS: Transfer Option
Andrea Mezquita	Criminal Justice
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Marianne Russell	Early Childhood Education
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Lorraine Poitier-Butler	General Studies

The student speaker

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Raymond Florent, a resident of Merrimac, who is graduating from Northern Essex Community College with an associate degree in elementary education, has been selected as the student speaker for the college's 54th Annual Commencement Exercises, which will be held on Saturday, May 21, on the Haverhill campus.

Born and raised in Haverhill, Florent is a 1999 graduate of Haverhill High School. He trained as a welder and was making a respectable living when a workplace injury sidelined him. Unable to return to the physical demands of a welding position, he accepted part-time work at an area amusement park designing sets and dressing as a cast member. He enjoyed the work, but realized it wasn't a sustainable career.

Using his imagination, Florent saw himself blending his creativity with working with children. The seed for becoming an elementary teacher was planted. In 2013 he enrolled in Northern Essex's Elementary Education program.

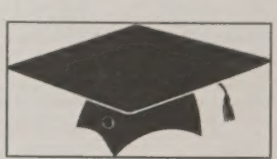
Initially, he saw Northern Essex as a means to an end. He would attend classes, graduate, and transfer into a four-year program. He couldn't imagine socializing with traditional students, yet they gravitated toward this funny, smart, and charismatic teacher-in-training. Soon, he was elected a student senator; he participated in the student leadership program; became a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the community college honor society, and Psi Beta; joined the Pathways to Career and Academic Excellence (PACE) Program; joined the NECC Judicial Review Board, and volunteered for a number of local organizations including Emmaus House, Lazarus House, Cor Unum, the Community Outreach Group (COG), and local veterans' charities. He is also a work study student in NECC's Sport & Fitness Center.

"Coming here I found a passion for education that I never had before," Florent says. "It was so welcoming that I couldn't get enough."

Last fall, the PACE staff nominated Florent for the Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Association Scholarship Award. He was one of just five recipients to receive the award.

Florent will graduate in May with a near perfect GPA. He intends to transfer to either Merrimack College or Salem State University where he will work toward his bachelor's degree in education.

He was nominated for this honor by Amanda Fregeau, academic advisor in the PACE Program; Karen Mitchell, director of the PACE Program; and Peter Flynn, professor of behavioral sciences.



Features

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Observer staff members graduate

Staff members go on to pursue careers in journalism

By Shaina Richards
Features Editor

As the spring semester is coming to an end, the Observer staff will have several positions opening up due to several of its staff members graduating. Editor-in-chief Kim Whiting, News Editor Kelly Schwing, Arts and Entertainment Editor Rebecca Westerman, and Campus Life Editor Chad Gorham are all pursuing their future goals either at new jobs or new colleges in the fall of 2016.

Editor-in-chief Kim Whiting is planning to spend the next two years working on getting her bachelor's degree from UMass Amherst's University Without Walls program in Journalism and Social Justice. She plans to continue doing freelance work. Currently, she is doing freelance writing for the Daily News of Newburyport and also freelance photography.

This summer, she intends to create her own personal "brand" by making a website for her work and getting business cards printed up.

"I plan to really work to establish myself as a professional photographer and writer," she said.

Working on the Observer has been a life changing experience for Whiting. Before joining the Observer staff, she never felt entirely sure of what exactly she wanted to do. She wanted to do a little bit of everything with no clear direction of what to focus on.

When she came to NECC, she signed up as a Writing Option major. She took a journalism class and loved it. Whiting realized that through journalistic writing, she would have the opportunity to advocate for what she was passionate about and be a voice for those who had none.

"It gave me an 'aha!' moment where I realized – 'why haven't I always been on this path?'" she said.

She signed up to be a journalism major the following year. She will be graduating this May with her journalism degree in addition to the degree she received for the Writing Option.

UWW will give Whiting the freedom to "hone" her own degree, choose her own major and tailor her classes to her degree.

"I never would have even known what I might want to take or been able to have a clear enough focus if I hadn't taken the time to commit to the Observer and really get a taste for the full cycle of getting the interviews and pictures," she said. "You learn so much by doing. If you just jump in and get a degree without doing the job, you're never really sure if you're wasting your time."

The Observer allowed Whiting to challenge and find herself. Her first year of working as the Arts and Entertainment made her love journalism. When adjunct journalism instructor and Observer faculty adviser Mary Jo Shafer encouraged her to become the editor-in-chief, she was reluctant at first as she never saw herself as someone who could be a leader.

"She saw something in me that I wasn't aware of at the time. It's really changed my attitude about myself by encountering an obstacle and rising to the challenge and overcoming that obstacle. That's how you build self-esteem. When the next obstacle comes along, you know you can handle it," she said.

Being the leader of the Observer for Whiting made her much more aware of the challenges that could and did arise. Suddenly, she saw and became responsible for overcoming all of the challenges rather than just individual ones as an editor may experience when they are working on just their page.

Her advice to journalism majors considering joining the Observer staff is to not be afraid to take challenges; "don't be afraid of being bad at something. Try it anyways," she said.

"The world does not expect you to be as perfect as you expect yourself to be. It's totally OK to start out small. Don't ever shy away from something that you think you might be interested in because you're afraid of being bad at it."

Kelly Schwing is a 22-year old journalism major at NECC. She joined the Observer staff in fall of 2015 and moved straight into the news editor position. Originally, she applied for a staff writer position but editor-in-chief Kim Whiting and copy editor Jowi Meli had a different idea for Schwing.

They said that they needed her to be the news editor because they knew she wasn't afraid to ask the hard questions and to dig for answers. Whiting told her that they needed someone like that on staff in more than just a staff writer's position, so she accepted their offer.

"That was a really large compliment for me because they had only seen what I could do in class," she said.

With graduation coming up on May 21, Schwing has been waiting and anticipating to hear back from the schools she's applied to so she can continue to pursue her bachelor's in journalism. Her ultimate goal is to get into Boston University and continue to excel there as she has at NECC.

Recently, Schwing has found the transfer process to be somewhat hectic. She's not sure what she is doing yet since she has had some difficulty with getting her high school to transfer her transcripts to the colleges she has applied to.

"It's a lot more work than if I had gone from high school to college because in high school you have a high school work load and generally aren't working 30 hours a week on top of having to transfer," she said.

Although she is worried about where she'll be in the fall, she has been offered jobs at local newspapers.

"Worse comes to worse, I'll just be in the workforce until I can continue my education," she said.

She plans to continue to work on her writing and get more of her work published as a hard hitting news journalist so that she can go into a 4-year school with even more than what she has now, which is a "substantial amount."

Schwing started out just writing for her journalism classes. She remembered that her first story was on Real Women Have Curves, which was a stage reading that the Top Notch Players put on at NECC. That was how she found out that the Observer existed; Shafer asked her if she had seen her story printed in the newspaper.

"It was just such an intoxicating moment. To go from that and move into a staff position – it just made everything make sense," she said. It was what made her realize: "I belong here and this is what I need to be doing with my life."

She noted how working on the Observer has been a great real life experience. It offers students the opportunity to be able to work with real sources, get practice writing in the journalistic style and work with the publishing software InDesign. Any prospective editor, journalist, or publisher has to start out somewhere and work their way up. The Observer offers students the opportunity to explore what they want to do and the resources and help to enhance their skills.

"The Observer is like the best internship in the world without having to pay for a class," she said. "It's helped me with my confidence, my writing and just the overall skillset that a journalist needs to have."

As a news editor, a lot of Schwing's stories have led to some controversy. Her first front page story was on the last issue of the spring 2015 semester. What she wrote about the parking policy sparked controversial responses from readers. Rather than deterring Schwing, it made her even more motivated to join staff and continue to write about controversial things.

"Mary Jo would always say that if you get a reaction, you've hit a vein, and keep going," she said. Schwing noted that Shafer always encourages her students to keep digging and that she would back them up as long as they followed journalism ethics.

"Again, we're just journalists, doing our job," Schwing said.

Rebecca Westerman is graduating with her associate's degree in Journalism and Philosophy. She has been applying for full time jobs closer to Boston.

So far, she's had two job offers using her Communications degree. She noted that the fact that she was on a college publication in addition to doing an internship helped her with prospective job opportunities.

Her goal is to work towards her bachelor's degree at either UMass Lowell or UMass Boston to take advantage of Mass Transfer benefits.

"It's the cheapest and best option for me because money is tight right now," she said. She's excited to have her first "real adult job" and make that transition from being a "broke college student."

She has gone on two interviews so far. One of the jobs would be in customer service for a family owned company. Basically, she would track orders and make sure everyone is happy and if something was wrong it would be her responsibility to absolve the situation. The job would involve a lot of writing and interpersonal communications skills which she has had to use during her time working on the Observer. She has gained two years of experience with conducting interviews, talking to people, writing to people, and writing about people.

"I've definitely gotten a lot of experience here that I can use in the real world which is what I wanted. It's what everybody should get out of going to college," she said.

The other job, which Westerman is really excited about, is a community specialist position in Somerville.

"At this job, I would be the face of the company. When people walk in, whether it be new members or existing members, I would be showing people around and showing them where to go as well as answering questions."

Westerman recommends that journalism students consider the importance of developing their communication skills in addition to their writing skills since many jobs require proficiency in both.

"Whether it be public relations or customer service, you have to be able to effectively communicate with people. If you want to be a writer or reporter, working on the Observer offers the opportunity to get experience ... You have people here that can help you and make sure that your product is the best it can be before it gets printed."

Although the jobs are entry-level positions, they are the first step for her to becoming a working professional after school.

She came to NECC feeling unenthusiastic about pursuing a degree. Her main motivation to go was that she felt like she had to do it and she also wanted to make her parents happy.

As she continued to attend NECC, she started to really like it. She took a journalism class on a whim as she was trying to explore new things. When her second story for the class got published, she was extremely excited to see her name in the byline in the paper.

She began to view the class as a competition where she wanted her stories to get in the paper each week. Westerman started to get published more and more. Eventually, Shafer approached her and asked if she'd be interested in joining the newspaper, which she quickly responded to with a "yes." In the fall of 2014 she became the Features Editor.

"The scholarship is great and you get so much experience," she said. "I can put InDesign on my resume and put my stories as samples of writing in a portfolio for applications. I can refer to the Observer and it's an award-winning paper. It's credible and it's a good work experience," she said.

In the fall of 2015, she wanted to try something new so she became the Arts and Entertainment editor. There are many creative things happening at NECC that a lot of people don't even know about. Westerman considered it a privilege to get to go and write about the artistic and creative side of the college.

"Overall, I will look back very fondly on my time here," she said.

Chad Gorham graduated last year with his associate's in Journalism and will be receiving his associate's in Writing this spring. He is going to be transferring to Fitchburg Stage University to study Media Studies, Film and Video. This will be Gorham's first summer free of classes in about three years.

"Being on the Observer from 2013-2016 gave me the confidence to walk up to people. My writing has also improved greatly," he said. Although he always knew he was a good writer, he was able to enhance his skills while writing in journalistic style.

Gorham wrote as the news editor from 2013 to 2015 and the campus life editor from 2015 through the spring of 2016.

The opportunity to write on diverse topics has helped him to be "a bit more creative in a field where creativity is thrown out the window."

He advises prospective staff members to get involved with the Observer. Not only does the experience let you grow academically, he said, but also personally.

"Get your stories in early and remember you are the voice of the students. Let their voices shine through in your writing."

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Student leaders volunteer

Earth Day brings out voluteers from across the community

By Chad Gorham
Campus Life Editor

It was a cold spring Saturday morning, when student leaders from NECC partnered with Comcast and Groundwork Lawrence to clean parks around the city of Lawrence.

The day started with over fourteen hundred volunteers registering and receiving their work assignments. They were also fed breakfast where a pep rally took place. Lawrence Mayor Dan Rivera spoke a few words of encouragement to the crowd.

"This is an important thing that all the volunteers do on this day," he said. "Keep up the great work."

After the pep rally the volunteers were escorted to buses which brought them to their assigned park. The volunteers from NECC were assigned to Kennedy Park, located on Holly Street. When the volunteers first arrived they noticed there was trash everywhere.

Before the volunteers began their cleanup the group leader, Amanda Cochrane, who is the development director at Groundworks Lawrence, had an old Tide laundry detergent bottle in her hand. She called everyone over to her before we began.

"If you find any needles, don't touch them," she said. "I will come over and pick them up. I am the only one who should touch anything sharp."

While cleaning the park, the volunteers in fact found six needles at Kennedy Park. A couple of the needles were located just outside the playground. The other needles were found over near the Spicket River.

"It makes me sick that they do this in a park," Jasmine Polanco, a Political Science major said.

There were also a good amount of little baggies found around the park that could have once held drugs.

"I think it's disgusting that this much trash is around," Jinette Galazara, a psychology major said. "I don't understand why people don't clean up after themselves."

After two hours of cleanup there were over thirty bags of trash waiting to be picked up.

"I found the experience fulfilling," Galazara said. "I am well aware of what goes on in my town. This opportunity gave me a chance to give back to my community by making the park a safe environment for the kids to go there and play."

When the day was over the volunteers climbed onto the bus to pick up another group at another park.

Cochrane got off the bus to collect that group's needles. When she got back on the bus, she announced that they had found twenty to thirty needles at that park.

Comcast Cares and Groundworks Lawrence partner for this every year as a way to give back during Earth Day

Photo by Amanda Cochrone, Groundworks Lawrence

Student leader volunteers as well as volunteers from Comcast and Groundworks Lawrence pose at Kennedy Playground

Sports

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Regular season baseball comes to a close

Knights finish with winning record, await postseason

By Kyle Benson
Sports Editor

The NECC Knights' baseball season has come to a close. The team's overall record was 19-14, and over their last 6 games they went 4-2.

The Knights took on MassBay in a double header on April 30 and won both of the games. Pitcher Nicholas Bruno threw a shutout in the first game as NECC won 7-0.

"I was throwing a lot of strikes, getting in front of the count with each hitter, and I just did it the whole game," Bruno said.

Colby Maiola, Jordan Roper and Traverse Briana all stole a base in the first game of the double header.

The Knights defeated MassBay in the second game as well, 20-1. 3 home runs were recorded by Maiola, Roper and John Sirois. The whole team brought their "A" game against MassBay and held them to only 1 run in 2 games.

The next day, the team took on UConn at Avery Point in a doubleheader, where they came out with a win in the first game and a loss in the second game.

The first game against UConn, the Knights won 7-5. Evan Glew recorded 8 strikeouts and Roper hit a home run and stole a base. The second game the Knights lost 4-2.

On May 3, the Knights came back home for a game against the Community College of Rhode Island. It was a closely contested matchup, ending with a 17-16 score. The 6th inning was the key inning for NECC as they scored 7 of their runs that inning. Roper and Maiola both hit a home run.

Two days later, on May 5, the Knights played their last game of the regular season at home against Massasoit. The game ended on a low note: NECC lost 9-3. RBIs were recorded by Sirois, Mathew Marquez and Brahiam Ortega.

NECC's final team statistics were a .353 batting average and a total of 18 home runs.

Individual stat leaders included Briana, who led the team in batting average at .535; Maiola, who led in 2 categories with most RBI's and home runs with 35 and 8 respectively; and Roper, who led in stolen bases with 26.

Glew led all pitching categories with an ERA of 3.21, 61 strikeouts, 6 wins, and 2 saves.

The Knights finished as the 1st seed in Region 21 and will begin their postseason against Massasoit on Friday, May 13. It will be a best-of-3 game series hosted at either NECC's home field or Trinity Field.

Times of the games have not been announced as of press time.

Photo by Lisa Sirois

Keith Linnane slides into 3rd base.

Photo by NECC Athletics

Kelsey Trudel and Madison Crateau pose with their 'All Region Team' plaques.

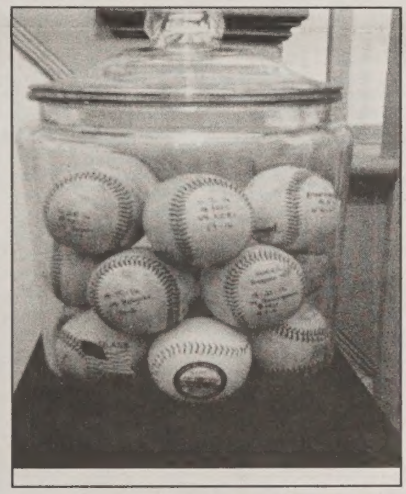

Photo by Heather Maiola

All the home run balls Colby Maiola has hit this season and more.

Softball team ends season with 3rd place tournament finish

Second year program exceeds expectations

By Kyle Benson
Sports Editor

The Knight's softball season ended on a 12-11 record, but that record does not show how much the team has grown over their 2-year span. The team recently came back from the Region 15 playoffs in Westchester, N.Y., where they finished in third place, an impressive feat for first year head coach Kendra Hobbs and her team.

The team won their first game in New York, defeating Dutchess Community College, 6-3.

Maddy Crateau was a star in this game, as she had 3 hits and 2 of them were turned into doubles. The rest of the team was on track too, Kelsey Trudel stole 2 bases and Jessica Bramanti stole 1.

Later that evening, the Knights took on Suffolk Community College in what was a complete 180 from their performance earlier in the day. NECC lost 9-1 and no one on the team recorded more than 1 hit.

The next day they took on Nassau Community College, where they lost again, 12-2. They scored their only 2 runs in the 5th inning and then their postseason play was over.

Kendra Hobbs was named Region 21 Coach of the Year in her first season at the helm, and Crateau and Trudel were selected to the NJCAA Region XV All Tournament team.

Maiola's home run jar

Knights home run leader keeps his accomplishments on display

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This season, the Knights baseball team hit 18 home runs. Outfielder Colby Maiola hit eight of them. Maiola doesn't just leave those balls over the fence though: his parents collect them and display them in a jar for everyone to see.

"I started collecting the baseballs when he was in Little League, because it was such a big thing when they are young," Maiola's mother, Heather, said.

"Then he hit one on Mother's Day so, of course, I had to save that one... so throughout his summer leagues and high school, I collected them. When he started college, I thought that deserved a fresh start and decided to put them in a jar for good memories."

She admits, though, that the jar idea actually began as a house cleaning technique.

"The reason I thought to start this was mainly because Colby has baseballs everywhere in our home. Mostly on the floor. So it was a way to contain some of the good memories and not trip over baseballs," she said.

Mrs. Maiola does not retrieve the balls herself, instead her husband goes after them.

"His father usually goes running to get them. He also picks them up for the other players who hit them out," Mrs. Maiola said.

Last season, the Knights had only hit 6 home runs as a whole and Maiola accounted for 4 of them. It is safe to say he is the power hitter on the squad. Maiola won't be hitting them out of the park as a Knight next season, though. He is transferring to UMass Lowell in the fall and will be hitting homers for the River Hawks.

"The Northern Essex program sends many students on to careers or to further their education. This baseball team also sends players on to great college programs," she said.

Mrs. Maiola will keep chasing after his home-run balls for as long as he plays baseball.

"I will continue collecting his home-run balls as long as he continues to hit them," she said. "Hopefully, I will have to find another jar!"

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"10 Minute Tales" is top notch

Student directed one-acts captivate the audience

By Rebecca Wesrterman
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The Top Notch Players of NECC put on their final production of one-acts entitled "10 Minute Tales" which was presented by the Play Production and Directing class (THE113) in the Chester W. Hawrylciw Theater. This was the last production that was held in the Theater before renovations that will be taking place in the Spurk building. The student-directed one-acts showed a tremendous amount of talent on both the student directors behind the scenes, as well as the actors and actresses who brought them to life.

"10 Minute Tales" began with an act called "The Other Side," directed by Sarah Durning. The act featured a supernatural feel, with The Dropper, a character acting somewhat like an angel to Johnny, a luckless man who doesn't see things coming even when dropped right on his head. The character of Merci acts as another failed endeavor for Johnny, who despite the multiple and insistent warnings from The Dropper, continues to make the same mistake. The Dropper was played by Hunter Gouldthorpe, Johnny played by Ben Joyall and Merci played by Katie Formosi.

The next act, "Together," directed by Abigail Seabrook featured the characters of Trina, played by Caitlin Kennedy and Mira, played by Tarah MacGregor. The act had a haunting tale of Trina, who didn't know where she was or what happened when she was waiting in the woods, all bruised and bloody from getting into a physical fight with her boyfriend. She meets Mira, who continues to tell her that they were together the entire time, and fills in Trina's gaps in memory. As the act continues, the audience realizes Mira is a reflection of Trina's consciousness and that she has herself, to rely on.

The next two acts, called "The Birthday Knife," directed by E. P. Lehner, and "Beer Girl," directed by Sarah Bird, which featured two very comic acts, the first one celebrating Vanessa's (played by Formosi) birthday and a creepy super fan of her news show, or so she thought coming inside to freak her out.

After she stabs him with a knife, she discovers it was her best friend's new boyfriend simply pranking her. The other act was a funny sketch with main character Bob (played by Gouldthorpe) having an emotional attachment to Beer Girl (played by Abigail Seabrook) , his own creation made from his many empty beer cans. His ex girlfriend Flo (played by Natalie Scott) comes to the scene to berate him, and Beer Girl comes to life. The quirky act ends with the couple getting back together.

"Inheriting Cleo," directed by Jon Gray, was a somber yet comical act featuring a man (Christian Doyle) and woman (Erika Tejeda) at a funeral parlor, bonding over the fact that they both hadn't really known the 'loved ones' they were attending the service for.

The man had inherited a lot of money from the dead relative as a sort of joke on the rest of the family, which added entertainment to the whole act.

"Bench Seat," directed by Christian Doyle, was a highly entertaining act with Hannah Heckman-McKenna playing an insecure girlfriend who is accusatory to her boyfriend (Nate Joyall) for taking her to the same spot a previous lover had broken up with her. She gets increasingly agitated and suspectful of him as the act goes on, and then nuzzles into him as he trembles in fear of her craziness as the lights go out.

The final two acts were "The Secret Origin of Mojo Man" directed by Trevon Gilchrist, and "I'm Herbert" directed by Geehae Moon were cute and funny acts, the first being about two high school boys, one trying to help his friend out. Vick, (played by Job Gray) is the helpful friend tricking his less confident friend Mickey (played by Nate Miller) that he has the superpower of being irresistible to women.

He wants the courage to ask out Bree (played by Geehae Moon) and he succeeds in asking her to the dance.

Afterwards, Vick tells him he doesn't actually have a superpower and did it all on his own.

The last act, "I'm Herbet" was an incredibly funny act with Herbert played as Jim Murphy and Muriel played as Susan Sanders. They play a couple, lazily arguing over who is who, or who they think themselves and their ex lovers are.

It is evident they are very old, and confused. They go back and forth about who went to Venice, who was a prude and confuse each other's names constantly.

The Top Notch Players will have further productions held at the Unitarian Church on Kenoza Street in Haverhill, MA.

Photo by Kelly Schwing

Trina (Caitlyn Kennedy) and Mira (Tarah MacGregor) in "Together" during a pivotal scene of comprehension.

8th Annual Peace Poetry Contest Held

The Peace Poetry contest celebrates young poets

By Rebecca Westerman
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The 8th annual Peace Poetry contest reading took place in the Technology Center on the evening of May 6. Students from many different middle schools and high schools walked to the front to read their masterful poems advocating for peace, and explaining what peace meant to them. Every year, this event takes place as a contest for students and adults all over the Merrimack Valley to hone their poetic writing skills.

The keynote speaker for the event was Diannely Antigua, who had some inspiring words for the young writers.

"You have started a great journey. Today we are the children of words. You are the next generation of poets to be raised by words," said Antigua.

She proceeded with a story of her childhood, and how she learned to write about the things she felt but could not say. This led her to a deep appreciation of poetry."I found a place for (feelings) in poetry. Poetry became a voice for me when I didn't feel as though I had one. Poetry spoke for me in a voice of metaphors and similes, alliteration, personification: all the things I didn't know I was doing with words but was somehow doing them anyway," said Antigua.

She went on to read one of her poems titled "Another rice and beans story," originally published in UMass Lowell's literary magazine, "The Offering." She highlighted how she views art as a responsibility to the creativity and ingenuity of the world as an expression of one's many selves and how it is for everyone."If I believe in nothing else, I believe in poetry. I believe that the nine-year old girl, the 16 year-old girl, and now the 26 year-old woman standing before you needed and still needs poetry," said Antigua.

Parents and teachers watched proudly as their pupils displayed their hard work, reading the poems and shaking the hand of Professor Stephen Mathis, who is the head of the English department here at NECC.

The insight of a child, from a different, more innocent perspective, is part of what makes this contest so magical. A child can see peace as a more simple concept, and one adults often forget with so many world issues surrounding them.

Some of the poems were simple in their nature, but with a lasting impact and others more in-depth, going into serious issues of the world.

One example of this was a poem by Finn Stinson, a second-grader at Sparhawk School of Amesbury.

He received special recognition for his work.

"A dove flies
the way of peace
while love follows
and the wind of hope
with joy takes wings
and spreads over the world
the stars gaze out in wonder."

An NECC alumna, Judith Delano of Hampstead, N.H. also received recognition for her work, entitled "That Inner Peace"

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